

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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FAUN O'NEEL, individually and as  
Guardian Ad Litem for her  
children B.T., A.O., D.O., and  
A.T.,

Plaintiff,

v.

CITY OF FOLSOM, a public entity;  
SPENSER HEICHLINGER, an  
individual; MELANIE CATANIO, an  
individual; LOU WRIGHT, an  
individual; [FNU] AUSTIN, an  
individual; [FNU] HUSAR, an  
individual, DOE CITY OF FOLSOM  
DEFENDANTS, individuals; COUNTY  
OF SACRAMENTO, a public entity;  
DOE DCFAS DEFENDANTS,  
individuals; and DOES 1 through  
10, inclusive,

Defendants.

No. 2:21-cv-02403 WBS DB

ORDER

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The parties have filed a stipulation seeking to  
continue certain dates and deadlines. (Docket No. 85.) Given  
the parties' agreement, the deadline to file any opposition to

1 defendants' motion for summary judgment is continued to **March 12,**  
2 **2024.** Pursuant to Local Rule 230(d), plaintiff's reply will be  
3 due **March 22, 2024,** and the hearing on the motion will remain  
4 **April 15, 2024.** However, the court rejects the parties'  
5 suggestion to vacate the pretrial conference and trial dates with  
6 those dates to be reset after resolution of the motion for  
7 summary judgment. Instead, the pretrial conference, currently  
8 set for May 6, 2024, is hereby RESET to **May 20, 2024 at 1:30**  
9 **p.m., to be held in-person in Courtroom 5.** Pursuant to Local  
10 Rule 281(a)(1), plaintiff's pretrial statement will now be due  
11 **May 6, 2024,** and defendants' pretrial statement will be due **May**  
12 **13, 2024.** The trial date remains set on **June 25, 2024.**

13           There is no reason to believe that the parties will not  
14 have sufficient time after the April 15 hearing to file their  
15 pretrial statements the following month. The court takes issue  
16 with the parties' assertion that "it generally takes the District  
17 Court within the Eastern District of California several months to  
18 issue rulings upon dispositive motions following the hearings  
19 thereon." As any attorney who has done his homework should well  
20 know, it does **not** take this judge several months, or anything  
21 like that, to decide submitted motions. To the contrary, of the  
22 literally thousands of motions this judge has heard over the last  
23 thirty-three years, counsel would be hard pressed to find more  
24 than a small handful that have taken more than even two or three  
25 weeks to be decided.

26           Indeed, in this very case the court decided plaintiff's  
27 motion to appoint a guardian ad litem the day after it was heard  
28 (Docket Nos. 8, 9); filed its order on defendants' motion for

1 judgment on the pleadings on four days after the hearing on that  
2 motion (Docket Nos. 30, 32); and filed its order on defendants'  
3 motion to dismiss the day after hearing that motion (Docket Nos.  
4 42, 43). The parties have no basis or reason to assume the next  
5 motion will be treated any differently.

6 IT IS SO ORDERED.

7 Dated: February 23, 2024



8 **WILLIAM B. SHUBB**  
9 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**  
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